(c) and (d) It is endeavour of the CBI to complete the investigation of cases in a professional manner as per legal provisions. Solution/successful investigation is dependent on facts, circumstances and availability of evidence, and statements of witnesses. At the conclusion of investigation, a report u/s 173 of Cr.P.C. is presented before the competent Court which decides the matter as per law.

(e) All cases entrusted to the CBI are handled with professionalism by dedicated teams of competent Investigating Officers. Legal assistance, scientific aids and forensic back up are provided to the CBI to investigate the cases effectively and professionally.

NRI children working abroad

1180. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of officers above Joint Secretary in key Ministries, *viz*., Finance, Commerce, External Affairs, PMO have their NRI children working abroad; and

(b) the precaution that are taken to reduce conflict of interest in such cases, especially while negotiating with the US?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The information regarding percentage of officers above Joint Secretary in Ministries, having their NRI children working abroad, is not Centrally maintained.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of RTI Act

1181. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC), which was constituted under right to Information Act, 2005, to ensure proper implementation of RTI Act, working towards killing spirits behind the legislation;

(b) whether CIC (Management) Regulation, 2007 which were framed under RTI Act is apparently violating the provisions of parent Act itself and reportedly working as road blocks, making the job of information seekers a whole lot difficult; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to remove inconsistencies in regulation that violate provisions of parent Act or propose to withdraw such regulation that work as road blocks, in interest of common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government has not framed or notified any regulations under the RTI Act.

(c) Does not arise.

Corruption in country

†1182. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a list issued by an international agency, Transparency International, India ranks on the 74th position in the list of countries involved in corruptions;

(b) if so, the details of that report and Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government has carried out any study to investigate the reasons for the constant increase in the corruption in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to stop the increasing corruptions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) According to the "Corruption Perception Index, 2007" published by the Transparency International, India is ranked at 72nd place among 180 countries.

(c) to (e) Government is aware of the menace of corruption and is fully committed to implement its policy of "Zero Tolerance against corruption" and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life by improving transparency and accountability. Several steps have been taken to combat corruption and to improve the functioning of Government. Important among these steps are :-

(i) Enactment of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(ii) Enactment of Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(iii) Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(iv) The pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance;

(v) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting process by the CVC; and

(vi) Issue of instructions by the CVC asking the organizations to adopt integrity pact in major Government procurement activities.

Government organizations are constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Government, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability..

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